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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on 09-09-2004. Please amend the application in the following particulars.

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application. *Kish*, although effective, provides rigid precisely machined gear interfaces. The only gear movement *Kish* discloses is the relative axial movement between gears 116L/R and 114L/R in response to movement between the double helical bull gear 108 and the double helical bull pinions 118L/R. This is why gears 116L/R and 114L/R are spur gears – to permit axial movement therebetween. That is, pinion gear 114L/R must be radially supported and the axis of rotation cannot be displaceable within an envelope of any type. Furthermore, contrary to the Examiner's position, gear 114L/R is not a "floating pinion" as gear 114L/R are fixed axially and radially because they must receive power from shafts 104L/R, which are connected to a gas turbine.


New claims 20-27 recite further features of the present invention which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and are thus properly allowable.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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